

Emergency center open at First United Methodist

The American Red Cross is opening an emergency shelter at First United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson to help people who have been evacuated or are unable to reach their homes due to the rising floodwaters.

The First United Methodist Church - located at 320 S. Main St. in Fort Atkinson - is open at 1 p.m. Meals, snacks, and water will be available at the shelter.

Anyone who plans to stay in a Red Cross shelter should prepare the following:

- Bring extra clothing and prescription medications, important documents and other comfort items.
- Bring any special items for children (diapers, formula, toys) or for family members who have unique needs.
- Persons who need to evacuate their residence should plan to make arrangements for their pets. Do they have friends and/or family that can help take care of their pets if their homes are untouched by flooding?

Arrangements also may be made with the Humane Society of Jefferson County at (920) 674-2048.

- Persons should register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well website at <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/> to let family and friends know they are OK. They also can call 1-866-GET-INFO to register themselves and their family.

Persons can help people affected by disasters like floods, fires, tornadoes and hurricanes, as well as countless crises at home and around the world, by making a donation to support American Red Cross Disaster Relief. One's gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance in response to disasters.

Visit www.redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Contributions also can be sent to a local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013.

For more information, visit redcross.org or join its blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

For information about supporting the American Red Cross in one's community as a volunteer, call the Red Cross at 1-877-618-6628 or volunteerwestern.wi@redcross.org.